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SUBJECT: CEP: SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

-- COMMITTEE (SCEPC) PLENARY MEETING,

-- JUNE 25-27, 1975

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1. WE APPRECIATE CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS REFTEL AND AGREE
ON NECESSITY OF AND TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR
INCREASING EMPHASIS ON USE OF EXISTING CIVIL ASSETS IN
SUPPORT OF MILITARY PLANNING.

2. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED WITH APPROACH RECOMMENDED
FOR DISCUSSION IN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. BASICALLY, IF
ASGY HUMPHREYS WANTS A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF WHAT
COUNTRIES NOW DO OR SHOULD DO, WE FEEL THE TOPIC SHOULD
HAVE BEEN AN AGENDA ITEM DURING WHICH EITHER ALL COUNTRIES
COULD MAKE PARALLEL PRESENTATIONS OR THE SCEPC COULD HAVE
HAD AN OPEN DISCUSSION BASED ON NATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS OF
THEIR OWN SYSTEMS WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO ALL DELEGATES
IN ADVANCE. FOR THE US ONLY TO MAKE SUCH A LAST MINUTE ON-
THE-SPOT PROPOSAL MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IN LIEU OF
MISSION PROPOSAL FOR PARA (A), RECOMMEND:

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-- (A) I HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO NOTE THE INCREASING

EMPHASIS BEING PLACED RECENTLY ON CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING BY THE COUNCIL. IN PARTICULAR, THE EXPRESSIONS IN THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE ON SUPPORT FROM THE CIVIL SECTOR AND CALLING FOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING TO SUPPORT MILITARY PLANS HAS BEEN OF SPECIAL INTEREST. I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS EXPRESSION CAN BE KEPT IN ALL OF OUR MINDS AS WE ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS IV AND V NEXT WEEK. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE US FEELS THAT AN UNDERSTANDING OF EACH NATIONAL APPROACH TO PLANNING AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT NATIONAL PLANS FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF CIVIL ASSETS TO FACE A CRISIS OR AN EMERGENCY IS AN ASPECT OF CEP PLANNING WHICH HAS NOT BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED BY THE SCEPC PLENARY. THE US CONSIDERS THIS USEFUL TO AN APPRECIATION OF THE WORTH OF PLANNING DONE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HOW THE PLENARY REPRESENTATIVES COULD EXPLORE THIS TOPIC IN DETAIL IN A MORE INFORMAL SETTING THAN A PLENARY MEETING. PERHAPS OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT REINFORCED SCEPC COULD EXPLORE THIS QUESTION IN DETAIL INFORMALLY FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS IN CONJUNCTION WITH, BUT IN A MORE INFORMAL SETTING THAN, A REINFORCED SCEPC MEETING THIS FALL. IT COULD INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS ON HOW EACH NATION APPROACHES CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR HOW IT APPROACHES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ITEMS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 51 OF THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ITSELF. SUBSEQUENTLY, AND IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO NEXT YEAR'S PLENARY, THE DELEGATES COULD EXPLORE THE TOPIC IN DETAIL ON THE BASIS OF THE PREVIOUS EXCHANGES. IN BOTH CASES, IT MIGHT BE ORGANIZED AT A LOCATION CONVENIENT TO THE SCEPC REPRESENTATIVES. PERHAPS WE COULD DISCUSS THE MERITS OF SUCH A PROPOSAL DURING "ANY OTHER BUSINESS".

3. PARAGRAPHS (B) THROUGH (E) ARE SATISFACTORY AS PROPOSED

4. IF US MISSION NATO AGREES WITH OUR PROPOSAL, YOU MAY DISTRIBUTE IT NATO-WIDE.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FALL REINFORCED SCEPC, WE NOTE (AC/98-N/221 2ND REVISE) THAT IT IS NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL
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DECEMBER. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE MOVED UP TO SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TIME FRAME AND IN LINE WITH AUTIER'S SUGGESTION OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS. A REINFORCED SESSION COULD CONSTRUCTIVELY DISCUSS RESULTS OF PLENARY AND INSURE THAT GUIDANCE ISSUED WAS BEING APPROPRIATELY IMPLEMENTED, HILEX-7, MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND NATIONAL CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND OPERATIONS. KISSINGER

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